

23 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Foreign Publications

1. I talked to Mr. Nordbeck, OLI, and reported to him the status of planning by CIA for assuming the functions of Foreign Publications Branch, IAD. The proposed arrangements were satisfactory.

2. Mr. Nordbeck reported that as the State Department's budget had not been approved and no internal allocations of funds for FY54 had been made, it was still impossible to get a definite decision concerning State Department agreement to transfer FPB to CIA. He requested a draft inter-agency agreement be prepared which he can use in his attempt to get a definite decision from Special Assistant for Intelligence.

3. Mr. Nordbeck also reported that expected budget cuts would result in abolishing PPOs in Rome, London, Berlin and New Delhi in approximately 30 to 40 days. This would leave only Paris, Moscow, and Hong Kong to be retained. A similar situation is expected in the Map Procurement Officers in that only Paris and London would be retained with New Delhi, Cairo, Caracas and Bonn being dropped.

4. It is expected that FPB would also take a further TO reduction below the 17 presently allocated. This 17 represents a reduction of 4 already made from the original 21.

5. Mr. Nordbeck suggested that possibly CIA might want to revive Col. Moreau's plan of establishing CIA's own PPO system.

6. Mr. Nordbeck reported a rumor that State plans to ask CIA to take over the complete CERP program including procurement, distribution and so forth.

7. Mr. Buford, Chief, OLI, who has been attending the National War College for the past 6 months was also present and participated in the discussions.

8. The substance of this meeting was reported to a conference the following day consisting of [REDACTED] Col. Moreau, [REDACTED]

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